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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

August 5, 2003

Re: Our File: 055549-0008
Invention: PLASTIC FRAME ASSEMBLY FOR BEARING WEIGHT AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY
Application No.: 09/997,962 09/977 962
Filed: October 17, 2001
Country: United States
Inventor: Gary Nell, Miles Keller, Scott Billings, Richard Scheps and Mark Lekhter
Examiner: Peter R. Brown
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Due Date: August 7, 2003

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant acknowledges receipt of office action dated May 7, 2003 and responds as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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